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### **Public Advisory: Jury Duty Warrant Scam**

**Concord, NH** – Recently, Concord, NH area residents have been contacted by a person from a fictitious agency that they refer to as the Federal Warrant Service. The caller identifies himself or herself as a high ranking officer and that the recipient of the call has a warrant for failing to appear for federal jury duty. The caller would give the “wanted person” the option of paying upwards of \$650 plus a \$150 processing fee to avoid the warrant service. If the “wanted person” did not comply with the payment request, they were told that agents would be coming to their homes to arrest them.

The U.S. Marshals and U.S. District Court would like to assure the public that **this is a SCAM!** Neither the U.S. Marshals, nor the U.S. District Court will ever call to make requests for payment of fines over the telephone for failure to appear for jury duty. Rather, jurors who miss jury duty may be requested to provide an explanation, or directed to appear at court, but they will not be solicited for payment of fines over the telephone. Although a juror may be held in contempt for failing to appear, that sanction is only imposed by a judge in open court with an opportunity for the summoned juror to explain the failure to appear.

These jury scams have been occurring across the United States, and just recently has come to light here in New Hampshire. If anyone is contacted or has been contacted by someone requesting such payments on behalf of the U.S. Marshals or U.S. District Court, **please do NOT make the payment**, and instead immediately contact your local police or the U.S. Marshals at (603) 225-1632.

Additional information about the U.S. Marshals Service can be found at <http://www.usmarshals.gov>.

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## **Press Release**

Contact: Sgt. Joseph Goodridge Phone: (603) 424-3774	FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE Date: January 7, 2015
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**Location: Webster Court Merrimack, NH**



Arrested:

**Name: Wayne Soule      Age: 46**

**Address: 18 Webster Court Merrimack, NH**

**Charges: Theft by unauthorized taking**

**Court Date: January 27, 2015**

**Bail Amount: \$ 1,500.00 personal recognizance**

**MERRIMACK, NH,**

On December 11, 2015 at approximately 1000 hours, an officer from the Merrimack Police Department responded to an apartment in Webster Court, for a theft complaint. Upon the officer arrival, he was made aware that an Ipad went missing from the apartment several days ago. Since that time, an Apple representative had called the owner of the missing Ipad attempting to confirm an order for parts for the missing Ipad. Upon further investigation it was determined the parts were being shipped to a Wayne Soule at 18 Webster Court in Merrimack.

Upon learning this, an officer completed a search warrant for Soule's apartment where the Ipad was later located. An arrest warrant for Soule's arrest completed and on today's date Soule was taken into custody at his residenc. Soule was transported to the Merrimack Police Department where he was processed and charged with one count of theft by unauthorized taking. Soule was processed and later released on \$ 1,500.00 personal recognizance bail and is scheduled to appear in the Merrimack District Court on January 27, 2015 to answer to the charges.